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CIVIL DEFENSE ROAD MAPS

1. The State Council of Civil Defense has prepared an official "Civil Defense Road Map of Pennsylvania". This map is designed primarily for use in charting inter-state and inter-county movements of military and civil defense vehicles during emergencies.
2. The new road map shows primary (in green) and secondary (in red) Pennsylvania highways reserved for military and civil defense use.
3. Selection of both primary and secondary routes was based upon information gained by consultation with the Department of Highways, the Department of Military Affairs, the United States Army and civil defense officials in states bordering this Commonwealth. Their classification as primary and secondary roads is based largely upon "carrying capacity".
4. Insofar as practicable, the primary and secondary highways shown on the Civil Defense Road Maps will be used for all inter-state and inter-county movement of civil defense and military vehicles during emergencies.
5. Designation of highways as primary or secondary civil defense roads on the new map does not mean that such roads automatically will be closed to all but civil defense and military vehicles during emergencies.

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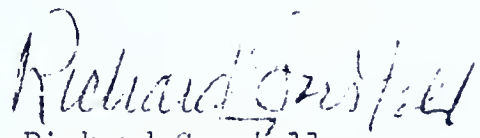
Instead, only those roads, or portions thereof, actually required for their movement will be reserved for military and civil defense vehicles. When required for use by these vehicles, primary and secondary roads may be further classified as to usage, depending upon emergency needs. For example, they may be made "one way", or they may be declared open only to vehicles of certain civil defense or military classifications.

6. Since all, or some, of the primary and secondary roads within any given county may be required for inter-state or inter-county movement of military and civil defense vehicles, county and local civil defense officials, in drawing up local traffic plans, should designate, insofar as possible, other routes for use by local traffic, both essential and non-essential, during emergencies.

7. All County Civil Defense Directors are today being mailed a supply of Civil Defense Road Maps. Their number will be sufficient to allow for redistribution to Local Directors on the basis of one map for each local organization.

8. The new Civil Defense Road Maps are primarily for use in local headquarters, or control centers, where they will be required for control of emergency operations within each county and local community. They are not for general distribution to individual civil defense workers.

9. Additional maps in limited numbers may be obtained by request made to the State Council of Civil Defense through the County Civil Defense Directors.


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